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SUBJ: GOP TO OPPOSE BANGLADESH ENTRY INTO UN

REF: ISLAMABAD 7176

1. SENIOR GOP OFFICIAL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PAKISTAN WILL
OPPOSE BANGLADESH ENTRY INTO UN UNTIL BDG ABANDONS PLANS
FOR WAR CRIMES TRIALS OF PAK POWS. SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN
AT ISLAMABAD AIRPORT DURING SEPTEMBER 14 TRANSIT STOP OF
FRENCH FONMIN ENROUTE PEKING, MINISTER OF STATE FOR
DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED SAID THAT
PAKISTAN REMAINED OPPOSED TO BANGLADESH UN MEMBERSHIP
UNTIL ALL PAK POWS HAD BEEN REPATRIATED AND UNTIL
BANGLADESH DROPPED "THE SO-CALLED WAR CRIMES TRIALS".

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2. AHMED, WHO RETURNED SEPTEMBER 2 FROM OFFICIAL VISIT TO PEKING, ADDED THAT CHINA HAD REAFFIRMED ITS POSITION THAT ALL RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS MUST BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BEFORE BANGLADESH COULD BE ADMITTED TO UN MEMBERSHIP.

3. COMMENT: PAKS HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT INTEND RECOGNIZE BANGLADESH UNTIL LATTER DROPPED PLANS FOR WAR CRIMES TRIALS (DESPITE FACT THAT UNDER AUGUST 288 AGREEMENT QUESTION OF TRIALS IS TO BE SETTLED BY PAK-INDIA-BANGLADESH MEETING UNDER CONDITIONS OF "SOVEREIGN EQUALITY"). THEY HAD NOT, HOWEVER, MADE CLEAR THAT THEY ALSO INTEND BLOCK BANGLADESH MEMBERSHIP IN UN UNTIL WAR CRIMES TRIALS DROPPED. IN HIS AUGUST 30 MEETING WITH CHARGE SOBER (REFTEL), GOP FONSEC AGHA SHAHI IN FACT SUGGESTED QUITE THE CONTRARY, I.E., THAT PAKISTAN WAS PREPARED ACQUIESCE IN BANGLADESH ADMISSION ONCE REPATRIATION OF POWS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AS SPECIFIED IN AUGUST 28 AGREEMENT BUT THAT PAKS EXPECTED BDG INSISTENCE ON SIMULTANEOUS POW-BENGALLEE-BIHARI EXCHANGES WOULD LEAVE INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR UN ACTION THIS YEAR. ASSUME THIS HARDENING OF PAK POSITION REFLECTS EITHER AZIZ AHMED'S SUCCESS IN GETTING CHINA'S SUPPORT FOR IT OR PERHAPS SOME CHINESE STIFFENING OF PAK SPINE.
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